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Happy Holidays

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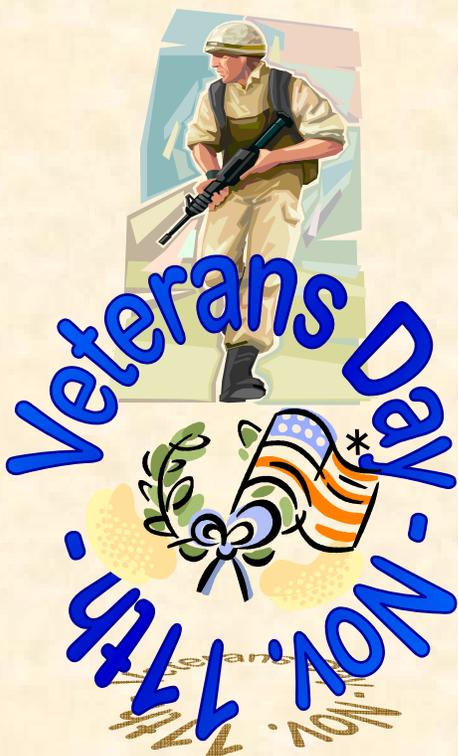
CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FOR NEW BRAUNFELS REGIONAL AIRPORT

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15) announced a grant for \$6,896,910 was awarded to the City of New Braunfels for the New Braunfels Regional Airport by the Federal Aviation Administration through the Texas Department of Transportation.

very successful in their efforts to accommodate any increase in air traffic to the City of New Braunfels and its surrounding areas."

The funds will be used for a runway extension and lighting; as well as pavement and fencing improvements to the airport.

"We are all very grateful for the support of this much needed air transportation project," said U.S. Rep. Hinojosa. "City and airport leaders have worked very hard to continue the expansion of and the improvements to the New Braunfels Regional Airport. They have been



CONGRESSMAN RUBÉN HINOJOSA ANNOUNCES NEW AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS

Washington, D.C. - **Congressman Rubén Hinojosa (D-TX-15)** announced that, beginning in October, millions of Americans have had access to affordable, quality health insurance as new online Health Insurance Marketplaces open in every state, under the provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

“The health care law will allow my constituents looking for coverage to purchase affordable, quality health insurance through the new online Marketplace,” U.S. Rep. Hinojosa said. “This new online Marketplace provides a very simple way to get health insurance that will meet your needs, your lifestyle, and your budget at almost any income level.”

“The new Marketplaces build on the last three years, during which Americans have already been seeing lower costs and better coverage because of the Affordable Care Act,” Rep. Hinojosa added. “Because of the Affordable Care Act, 105 million Americans have already received access to free preventive services, 6.6 million seniors have saved more than \$7 billion on their prescription drugs, and more than 100 million Americans have benefited from no longer having a lifetime limit on their coverage.”

In the new online Marketplace, the constituents in our congressional district of Texas-15 looking for coverage will be able to shop among affordable choices, explained in easy-to-understand language. It is estimated that substantially more than half of those shopping in the new Marketplace will qualify for discounts on their monthly premium, based on their income, which will make the premiums more affordable.

In this new online Marketplace, there is no denial for pre-existing conditions, no annual or lifetime limits on coverage, and no higher rates for women compared to men.

The open enrollment period for the first year of the Marketplaces runs from October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Enrollment is a six-month process and will build over time. For example, under the Massachusetts state health reform, three times as many people enrolled during the second half of the first year, as in the first half.

The constituents in our congressional district of Texas-15 looking for health coverage should go to www.healthcare.gov and by putting in their state and zip code, they will be able to see and compare plans and premiums in our part of the state. If constituents have questions about the Marketplace, they can call 1-800-318-2596, a toll-free hotline open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“The new online Marketplace will mean new peace of mind for many of my constituents,” Rep. Hinojosa concluded. “Many have been unable for years to obtain health insurance because of a pre-existing condition or because they couldn’t find an affordable plan. The new Marketplaces across the country will mean brand-new health and economic security for millions of Americans and a healthier, more prosperous nation.”

For inquiries in reference to ACA, please contact Congressman Hinojosa’s Edinburg District Office at 956-682-5545.



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ARTS AND HUMANITIES

NAMM Foundation Announces Wanna Play Fund Grants for Instruments Available to Schools and Community Organizations for Music Education Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The nonprofit NAMM Foundation works to advance active, lifelong participation in music making by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs of the international music products industry. The organization has announced the availability of grants through its Wanna Play Fund to provide instruments to schools and community organizations that are expanding or reinstating music education programs as part of a core curriculum and/or that employ quality music teachers. Eligible applicants are public schools serving low-income students (percentage of free and reduced lunch data required); community organizations serving low-income students and students with special needs (community demographic information required); and schools and community programs that have made a commitment to hiring and retaining high-quality music teachers and providing standards-based, sequential learning in music. Online grant applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants will be notified within thirty days of submission whether or not a grant will be awarded. Website: <http://www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/apply-grant-and-scholarship>

Grants for Nonprofit Music Programs

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Guitar Center Music Foundation's mission is to aid nonprofit music programs across America that offer music instruction so that more people can experience the joys of making music. Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations. Qualifying applicants are established, ongoing and sustainable music programs across the United States that provide music instruction for people of any age who would not otherwise have the opportunity to make music.

Website: <http://www.guitarcentermusicfoundation.org/grants/index.cfm?sec=info>

Our Town

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Deadline: 01/13/2014

The Arts Endowment's support of a project may start on or after September 1, 2014."Grant Program DescriptionArt works to improve the lives of America's citizens in many ways. Communities across our nation are leveraging the arts and engaging design to make their communities more livable with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, a distinct sense of place, and vibrant local economies that together capitalize on their existing assets. The NEA defines these efforts as the process of Creative Placemaking:"In creative placemaking, partners from public, private, nonprofit, and community sectors strategically shape the physical and social character of a neighborhood, town, tribe, city, or region around arts and cultural activities. Creative placemaking animates public and private spaces, rejuvenates structures and streetscapes, improves local business viability and public safety, and brings diverse people together to celebrate, inspire, and be inspired." Ann Markusen, Markusen Economic Research ServicesAnne Gadwa Nicodemus, Metris Arts ConsultingFrom Creative PlacemakingThrough Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to:

- Improve their quality of life.
- Encourage greater creative activity.
- Foster stronger community identity and a sense of place.
- Revitalize economic development.

Through Our Town projects, the NEA intends to achieve the following outcome: Livability: American communities are strengthened through the arts. See "Intended NEA Outcome" for more details.

Eligible Applicants: Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, (Federally recognized), Special district governments, County governments, City or township, governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Independent school districts, State government.

Website: www.nea.gov

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COMMUNITY & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This Notice is to invite applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program pursuant to 7 CFR part 4280, subpart A for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. Funding to support \$33 million in loans and \$10 million in grants is currently available. The commitment of program dollars will be made to applicants of selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation. Expenses incurred in developing applications will be at the applicant's risk

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,000,000

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Website: www.usda.gov

Microsoft Unlimited Potential-Community Technology Skills Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This program promotes workforce development and IT skills training in underserved communities. It supports technology skills training, ranging from basic computer literacy to the use of advanced business productivity applications.

Funding details: Donations of cash, software, curriculum, and technical expertise

Eligibility: Nonprofit community technology centers (CTCs)

Website: <http://www.microsoft.com/About/CorporateCitizenship/US/CommunityInvestment/CommunityTechSkills.msp>

Community Development Financial Institutions Program

U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury)

Deadline: 12/23/2013

Subject to funding availability, this NOFA is issued in connection with the CDFI Program FY 2014 Funding Round, administered by the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund).

Eligible Applicants: The Regulations specify the eligibility requirements that each Applicant must meet in order to be eligible to apply for assistance under this NOFA. FA Applicants must be either a Certified CDFI or Certifiable CDFI as defined below in Table 5 and have submitted a certification application in accordance with the deadlines in this NOFA. TA Applicants must be Certifiable or Emerging CDFIs as defined in Table 5 or Certified CDFIs that meet the SECA criteria in Table 3 of this NOFA but have not received FA awards after the FY 2008 funding round.

Website: www.cdfifund.gov

Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb Seeks Applications for Community Garden Grants and Makeovers

Deadline: 12/31/2013

The Fiskars Corporation, a global supplier of consumer products for the home, garden, and outdoors, has announced that it is accepting applications for 2014 Project Orange Thumb garden grants and makeovers in the United States and Canada. Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb program provides tools, materials, and other support to help communities reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration, and healthy, sustainable food sources. The program is open to 501(c)(3) organizations in the United States and registered charities in Canada. Previous Project Orange Thumb grant recipients are not eligible for new awards.

Ten recipients will receive \$5,000 in cash and tools, and one applicant will receive a complete garden makeover. Please note that all applicants will be considered for a grant, but only those that specify they are interested and meet Fiskars' criteria will be considered for a garden makeover. Complete program guidelines, the online application, and information on previously funded projects are available at the Fiskars Web site.

Website: <http://www2.fiskars.com/Community/Project-Orange-Thumb>

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Technical Assistance and Training Grant

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

Deadline: 01/31/2014

Drinking water systems are basic and vital to both health and economic development. With dependable water facilities, rural communities can attract families and businesses that will invest in the community and improve the quality of life for all residents. Without dependable water facilities, the communities cannot sustain economic development. The Rural Utilities Services (RUS) supports the sound development of rural communities and the growth of our economy without endangering the environment. RUS provides financial and technical assistance to help communities bring safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal facilities to rural Americans in greatest need. The Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) Grant Program has been established to assist communities with water or wastewater systems through free technical assistance and/or training provided by the grant recipients. Qualified private non-profit organizations will receive TAT grant funds to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas, assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste grants made at the State level offices, and improve operation and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas.

Eligible Applicants: Is a private, non-profit organization that has tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS); Is legally established and located within one of the following:

a state within the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

a United States territory, Has the legal capacity and authority to carry out the grant purpose; Has a proven record of successfully providing technical assistance and/or training to rural areas; Has capitalization acceptable to the Agency, and is composed of at least 51 percent of the outstanding interest or membership being citizens of the United States or individuals who reside in the United States after being legally admitted for permanent residence; Has no delinquent debt to the Federal Government or no outstanding judgments to repay a Federal debt; Demonstrates that it possesses the financial, technical, and managerial capability to comply with Federal and State laws and requirements.

Contracts with a nonaffiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the grant to provide the proposed assistance.

Contact: Staff, Phone: 202-720-9589, Email: water@wdc.usda.gov

Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov

EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Lego Children's Fund Seeks Grant Proposals for Youth Creativity Programs

Deadline: Open/Quarterly

The Lego Children's Fund is accepting grant proposals for programs dedicated to inspiring and encouraging youth creativity. The fund supports programs serving in children from birth to age 14, with priority consideration for disadvantaged or at-risk youth.

Each quarter, the fund awards grants ranging between \$500 and \$5,000 to organizations working with disadvantaged children and special projects or programs designed to elevate a child's opportunities for exploring creativity. The fund also awards grants to organizations supported by LEGO employee volunteers and organizations serving Connecticut and western Massachusetts. In addition, \$100,000 per year is awarded to a single organization identified and selected by the fund's board of directors.

Qualified grantees must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations (including educational organizations) that require support for projects in the areas of early childhood education and development; technology and communications that help advance learning opportunities; and sports or athletic programs on underserved youth. Grant program guidelines and applications are available at the Lego Children's Fund Web site

Website: <http://www.legochildrensfund.org/>

Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Seeks Proposals to Strengthen Secondary Education

Deadline: Rolling

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations supports innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers in grades 9-12 and their teaching. Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools. Projects should aim to develop solutions with potential for wide application or replication by others. Requests to support well-established programs should be for initiatives with the potential to improve the program significantly. Special consideration will be given to projects in their early stages that address the concerns and problems of secondary education on a

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national level. In considering proposals to support high school teaching, sustained partnerships between the faculties of colleges (e.g., arts and sciences and education) and school districts, or collaborative efforts involving reform organizations, colleges/universities, and high schools are encouraged. Eligible institutions include but are not limited to public and private colleges and universities, graduate schools of education, and freestanding educational institutes. Grants will range from \$100,000 to an upper limit of \$200,000.

See the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Web site for complete program guidelines, an FAQ, a list of recently awarded grants, and application instructions.

Website: <http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

Whole Kids Foundation Announces Funding for School Salad Bars

Deadline: Open/Rolling

In partnership with Whole Foods Market, the Whole Kids Foundation has announced that it is seeking to raise \$2 million through its annual fall fundraising program for school-based programs, including school gardens, salad bars, and healthy eating education for teachers. One hundred percent of all proceeds raised will go directly to school programs designed to help children reach optimal health, strength, and nutrition through smart food choices. To date, the Whole Kids Foundation has funded nearly nine hundred school garden grants in partnership with FoodCorps and more than fifteen hundred salad bars with Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools. Beginning this month, public and private K-12 schools can apply for a salad bar grant online through the Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools Web site. Any K-12 school district participating in the National School Lunch Program is eligible to apply. Schools currently awarded with the bronze status or above in the Healthier US School Challenge automatically qualify for a salad bar donation, with the stipulation that the school or district desires and can support a salad bar every day at lunchtime. (The foundation will also accept applications for its School Garden Grant Program during the month of October. Check the foundation Web site for school garden grant program updates.) When funding is available, salad bar grants will be awarded based on application approval dates. Complete program information and application procedures are available at the Salad Bars to Schools Web site.

Website: <http://saladbars2schools.org/guidelines>

American Honda Foundation Invites Applications for STEM Programs

Deadline: Quarterly

The American Honda Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the American Honda Motor Company, is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations and schools for programs that support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. Environmental projects, job training, and literacy programs also will be considered. Grants of up to \$75,000 will be awarded to 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, public school districts, and private/public elementary and secondary schools listed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. The foundation accepts applications on a quarterly basis. Deadlines for the 2013 grantmaking cycle are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=409800011

Lockheed Martin: Grants for Education

Deadline: Open/Rolling

Lockheed Martin provides grants for K-16 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education. This includes Lockheed Martin's K-12 STEM Education Initiative, Engineers in the Classroom, as well as STEM-focused curricular and extracurricular programs that provide employee engagement opportunities in a community in which Lockheed Martin has employees or business interests. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations that deliver standards-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to students in K-16. Website:

<http://www.lockheedmartin.com/us/who-we-are/community/philanthropy/funding-guidelines.html>

Campbell's: Labels for Education

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Campbell's, Inc. Labels for Education Program gives schools free educational equipment in exchange for labels from Campbell products. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: Schools or parents coordinate label drives to raise resources for schools. Deadline: N/A.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/About/about-the-program.aspx>

Best Buy: Teach@15 Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Teach@15 Award program improves classroom learning by helping schools (grades 7-12) meet technology needs. A teen member (age 13-18) who is a registered member on www.at15.com can nominate his/her school to win a Teach@15 Award. Maximum award: \$1,500 in the form of Best Buy Gift Cards. Eligibility: accredited, nonprofit junior or senior public, private, parochial, magnet, and charter high schools in the U.S. serving any grades 7-12.

Website: http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com/teach_awards.htm

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Jack Kent Cooke Foundation: Talent Development Award

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The JKCF Talent Development Award celebrates K-8 educational organizations committed to the deliberate cultivation of high-potential students' talents, skills, and passions. Major criteria considered for the Talent Development Award include: alignment with the Foundation's commitment to identifying, cultivating, and/or promoting exceptionally talented students who have financial need; focus on students in grades K-8; high apparent effectiveness as demonstrated through internal reviews, external evaluations, and/or scientifically-confirmed research; strong leadership with a clear vision and the capacity to influence stakeholders; a noteworthy, innovative solution that could be replicated. Maximum award: varies. Eligibility: K-8 educational organizations.

Website: <http://www.jkcf.org/grants/youth-education/talent-development/>

Foundation for Rural Education and Development Revises Eligibility Guidelines for Fall Technology Grants

Deadline: 11/15/13

The Foundation for Rural Education and Development has announced changes to the eligibility requirements for its Technology Grants for Rural Schools program. Technology Grants for Rural Schools program was created to help meet the growing need for innovative technology in the classroom. The grants strive to help public schools in rural areas bring modern computers to every classroom, connect schools to the information superhighway, and make sure that effective and engaging software and online resources are an integral part of the school curriculum. Starting in the fall of 2013, eligibility for FRED programs is determined by the foundation's Donor Circle. Applicants must have a letter of nomination from a Donor Circle company and meet the basic requirements outlined in the individual program brochure. Only those applications that meet these two requirements will be considered for FRED funding. The number of applicant nominated by each company is limited and determined by the company. Tech Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to public schools that are working in cooperation with their telecommunications company to enhance learning by increasing the use of technology in the classroom. Projects that are unique and focus on new programs and curriculum for technology education are encouraged. Examples of possible grant requests include but are not limited to computer-assisted learning programs; computer equipment and programs; electronic access to information; and subject-specific tools for art, reading, math, science, etc.

Website: <http://www.fred.org/tech.html>

Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries Accepting School Library Grant Applications

Deadline: 12/02/2013

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries, a component fund of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region in Washington, D.C., seeks to provide books and reading materials to school libraries and students that most need them. The foundation provides grants of up to \$5,000 to help school libraries expand, update, and diversify their book collections. In 2013, the foundation received over five hundred applications and awarded more than two hundred grants. All LBF grants are made to individual schools rather than school districts, county systems, private organizations, foundations, or other entities. Only schools where a minimum of 80 percent of the student body qualify for free or reduced- lunch programs are eligible to apply. The foundation gives preference to schools in which 90 percent or more of the students receive free or reduced lunches and are likely to have the fewest books and reading materials at home. Schools in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, all American territories, and Department of Defense schools in other countries are eligible to apply. This includes all public, private, parochial, charter, city, state, county, and reservation schools -- including special schools, social services schools, and juvenile detention center schools in any of those jurisdictions -- that serve any combination of pre-kindergarten through high school students. Funds are only available for library books and magazine/serial copies and subscriptions. The foundation is unable to honor requests for staffing, shelving, furniture, equipment, software, videos, classroom book sets, or any kind of book guides, tests, or exams.

Website: <https://laurabushfoundation.unt.edu/>

Starbucks Foundation: Youth Leadership Grants

Deadline: 12/15/2013

The Starbucks Foundation is interested in supporting organizations that equip young people in three areas: business savvy --having the ability to leverage opportunities with integrity and innovation and to make good decisions and achieve results; social conscience -- valuing the impact an individual and enter-

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prise can have on the community; collaborative communication -- engaging others in an inclusive manner across teams, functions and cultures and the ability to leverage new and creative ways of communication. Maximum award: \$30,000. Eligibility: youth ages 15 to 25 years old.

Website: <http://www.starbucks.com/responsibility/community/youth-action/grant>

National Science Teachers Association Accepting Entries for Shell Science Lab Challenge

Deadline: 12/20/2013

The National Science Teachers Association, with support from Shell Oil Company, is accepting entries for the fourth annual Shell Science Lab Challenge. The challenge invites middle and high school science teachers (grades 6-12) in the United States and Canada (with special attention to urban and underrepresented groups) to illustrate replicable approaches to science lab instruction utilizing limited school and laboratory resources. Entries will be judged on the basis of a number of criteria, including demonstrated science inquiry and innovation in the classroom with limited laboratory equipment, materials, and resources; demonstrated impact and engagement with students and the school community; and demonstrated need for support to improve science laboratory experiences. Fifty-four regional finalists will be selected and asked to create a short video that displays the school's current science laboratory facilities and provides further explanation of how winning equipment and resources would make a difference in their science teaching and in the learning experience for students. The judging panel will then review the submissions and select eighteen regional winners. Of the eighteen winners, four national finalists will be chosen, and from those finalists a grand-prize winner will be selected. More than \$93,000 in lab makeover prizes will be awarded to the eighteen winning schools. All winners will receive science lab equipment, cash grants, membership to the NSTA, and support to attend NSTA conferences on science education.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=427500009

Big Read Accepting Grant Applications for Community-Wide Reading Programs

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA)

Deadline: 01/27/2013

The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, aims to restore reading to the center of American culture. Managed by Arts Midwest, the program provides competitive grants to support innovative reading programs in selected communities. Community organizations participating in the Big Read develop and produce reading programs that encourage reading and participation by diverse local audiences. These programs include activities such as author readings, book discussions, art exhibits, lectures, film series, music or dance events, theatrical performances, panel discussions, and other events and activities related to the community's chosen book or poet. Activities must focus on a book or poet from the Big Read Library. Previous grantees must not use the same reading from their earlier participation(s). The program is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to develop reading programs between September 2014 and June 2015. Organizations selected to participate receive a grant, educational and promotional materials, and access to online training resources and opportunities. Approximately seventy-five organizations will be selected from communities of varying size in the U.S. Eligible organizations may apply for grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Grants must be matched on a 1:1 basis with non-federal funds. Grant funds may be used for such expenses as book purchases, speaker fees and travel, salaries, advertising, and venue rental.

Eligible Applicants: organizations must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; or a division of state, local, or tribal government; or a tax-exempt public library. Eligible applicants include such organizations as literary centers, libraries, museums, colleges and universities, art centers, historical societies, arts councils, tribal governments, humanities councils, literary festivals, and arts organizations.

Website: www.nea.gov

Toshiba/NSTA: ExploraVision Awards

Deadline: 01/30/2014

All inventions and innovations result from creative thinking and problem-solving. The Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards Program encourages kids to create and explore a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. Maximum award: \$10,000 bond per student on winning team. Eligibility: Students K-12.

Website: <http://www.exploravision.org/about/>

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American Association of School Librarians Invites Applications for Innovative Reading Projects

Deadline: 02/01/2014

The American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, is accepting applications from school librarians for the AASL Innovative Reading Grant program. One grant in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded to support the planning and implementation of a unique and innovative program for children that motivates and encourages reading, especially among struggling readers. Projects should promote the importance of reading and facilitate literacy development by supporting current reading research, practice, and policy. In addition, projects must be specifically designed for children (grades K-9) in the school library setting, encourage innovative ways to motivate and involve children in reading, and demonstrate potential to impact student learning. Grant recipients may be invited to write an article that delineates their reading incentive project and demonstrate their successes, trials, and recommendations for improving so others may replicate the project. See the AASL Web site for complete program guidelines and application procedures. To be eligible, applicants must be AASL members.

Website: <http://www.ala.org/aasl/awards/innovative>

Middle School Students Invited to Submit Entries for Christopher Columbus Awards

Deadline: 02/03/2014

Sponsored by the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, the Christopher Columbus Award program is a national, community-based science, technology, engineering, and math contest for middle school students. The program challenges students in grades six to eight working in teams of three to four with an adult coach to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create a solution to that problem. The program can be implemented in science or social studies classes, for cross-curricular use in team teaching or block-scheduled classes, or as an afterschool program.

Eight finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend the program's National Championship Week and compete for cash prizes, as well as \$200 development grants to further refine their ideas. Two gold medal-winning teams will receive \$2,000 per team member as well as a medal for each team member. One team will be selected to receive the \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant to help bring the students' idea to life in their community. Visit the awards program Web site for complete competition information, student and teacher/coach guides, details on previous winning projects, and entry materials.

Website: <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

American Electric Power Applications for 2014-2015 PreK-12 Classroom Projects

Deadline: 02/28/2014

American Electric Power is accepting applications from pre-K-12 teachers for minigrants to support funding for classroom projects during the 2014-15 school year. Through the Teacher Vision grant program, AEP supports projects that have an academic focus and a goal to improve student achievement. Priority will be given to projects that promote science, mathematics, technology, electrical safety, the balanced study of energy and the environment, and energy efficiency. Special consideration will be given to projects that incorporate matching funds, community resources, and interdisciplinary or team-teaching projects. Funds may not be used for stipends or meals. Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500. A limit of one grant may be awarded per teacher per year. Grants may be limited to two per school per year. To be eligible, applicants must be a pre-K-12 teacher in a community in the AEP service area or in a community with major AEP facilities.

Website: <http://www.aep.com/community/TeachersAndStudents/TeacherVisionGrants.aspx>

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Family Planning Services Grants

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This announcement seeks applications from public and private nonprofit entities to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services, with priority for services to persons from low-income families. Local and region-

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all public or private nonprofit entities may apply directly to the Secretary for a Title X family planning services grant under this announcement. Funding of applications that propose to rely on other entities to provide services will take into consideration the extent to which the applicant indicates it will be inclusive in considering all entities that are eligible to receive Federal funds to best serve individuals in need throughout the anticipated service area. Family planning services include clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning; and, referral services as indicated. Applicants should use the Title X legislation, applicable regulations, Program Guidelines, legislative mandates, OPA Program Instructions, program priorities, and other key issues included in this announcement and in the application kit, to guide them in developing their applications.

Maximum Grant Size: \$11,098,896

Total Number of Awards: 22

Eligible Applicants: Any public or private nonprofit entity located in a State (which includes one of the 50 United States, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) is eligible to apply for a grant under this announcement.

Website: www.hhs.gov

Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: Open/Rolling

This initiative seeks applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically, this initiative is intended to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle, and 2) encourage applications focusing on the development and testing of culturally and linguistically appropriate health-promoting interventions designed to reduce health disparities among racially and ethnically diverse males and their subpopulations age 21 and older.

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs),

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments,

County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments,

Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Faith-based or Community-based Organizations and Regional Organizations

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Website: www.nih.gov

RGK Foundation Accepting Proposals for 2013 Grants Cycle

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Austin-based RGK Foundation is inviting proposals in the broad areas of education, community, and health and medicine. The foundation's primary interests include formal K-12 education (particularly math, science, and reading), teacher development, literacy, and higher education. The foundation's

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community grants support a broad range of human services, community improvement, abuse prevention, and youth development programs. The foundation's current interests in health and medicine include programs that promote the health and well-being of children, programs that promote access to health services, and foundation-initiated programs focusing on ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Although the foundation's grantmaking program doesn't have any geographic restrictions, the foundation no longer accepts unsolicited requests from international agencies or programs. While the foundation occasionally awards grants for operating expenses, capital campaigns, endowments, and international projects, such grants are infrequent and usually initiated by the foundation. Multiyear grants are rare, and most grants are awarded for a period of one year. Grants are made only to nonprofit organizations certified as tax exempt under Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and are classified as "not a private foundation" under Section 509(a). Hospitals, educational institutions, and governmental institutions meeting these requirements are eligible to apply. Organizations that have completed and filed Form 1023 but not yet received an IRS determination letter are not eligible to apply.

Website: <http://www.rqkfoundation.org/public/guidelines>

Cigna Foundation Invites Applications for Health Promotion Projects

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Cigna Foundation, the charitable arm of the Cigna Corporation and its subsidiaries, supports organizations that share its commitment to enhancing the health of individuals and families, and the well-being of their communities, with a special focus on those communities where Cigna employees live and work. The foundation focuses its funding in four areas: promoting wellness by building awareness, helping people manage their health challenges, and making health services available and affordable for all; expanding opportunities by reaching across barriers to tap the talents of every person; developing leaders by supporting the type of community service that gives talented individuals the experience to become future leaders; and embracing communities by connecting neighbors to create networks to address complex social and environmental challenges. There is no maximum or minimum grant. However, a typical first-time grant is \$5,000.

All organizations requesting funding must be recognized as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Website: <https://secure17.easymatch.com/cignagive/applications/agency/default.aspx?Skip=Guideline&programid=2>

Rural Health Network Development

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Deadline: 11/22/2013

The Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2014 Rural Health Network Development Grant Program. The purpose of this grant program is to: support rural integrated health care networks that have combined the functions of the entities participating in the network in order to: achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

Maximum Grant Size: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 15

Eligible Applicants: 1) The lead applicant organization must be a public or private non-profit entity located in a rural area or in a rural census tract of an urban county, and all services must be provided in a rural county or census tract. The applicant's EIN number should verify it is a rural entity. To ascertain rural eligibility, please refer to: <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor/> and enter the applicant organization's state and county. A network serving rural communities but whose applicant organization is not in a designated rural area will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

2) In addition to the several States, only the Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau may apply. If applicants are located outside the 50 states, they still have to meet the rural eligibility requirements.

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications for New Careers in Nursing Program

Deadline: 01/09/2014

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Careers in Nursing initiative aims to alleviate the nursing shortage in the United States and increase the diversity of nursing professionals. Through grants to schools of nursing, the program will provide scholarships to college graduates without nursing degrees who are enrolled in accelerated baccalaureate and master's nursing programs.

The program has a two-fold purpose: to increase the numbers of nurses, and to address diversity among nursing professionals. Given the need to increase the numbers of nurses, successful applicant organizations must demonstrate that additional resources will be used to leverage internal and external resources to expand or increase diversity in their professional nursing programs. Applications should address the applicant organization's past achievements and future plans to recruit and retain a diverse student body.

Funds supporting up to four hundred scholarships of \$10,000 each will be awarded to selected schools of nursing for a one-year period. A school of nursing may apply for between five and thirty scholarships per year, to be awarded to students from underrepresented groups in nursing or who are economically disadvantaged. Preference will be given to schools able to demonstrate that the availability of scholarship funds will expand enrollment in accelerated nursing programs.

To be eligible, applicant institutions must offer an entry-level accelerated baccalaureate nursing program or master's nursing program for non-nursing college graduates and be accredited by a nursing accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Optional applicant Web conference calls will be held on November 6 and December 5, 2013. Registration is required.

Website: <http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/calls-for-proposals/2013/new-careers-in-nursing.html>

Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 1/19/2014 Letter of intent, 2/19/2014 Final applications

The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support research to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in young children with type 1 diabetes (5 years old and under). At the end of the funding period, there should be a well-developed and well-characterized intervention that has been demonstrated to be safe, feasible to implement, acceptable in the target population, and, if promising, ready to be tested in a larger efficacy trial.

Maximum Grant Size: \$1,400,000

Number of Awards: 3-4

Eligible Applicants: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education, Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs),

Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education),

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Website: www.nih.gov

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Planning Grants for Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Diabetes Prevention and Care

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Deadline: 03/03/2014

The purpose of this Planning Grant (R34) is to support research to develop and pilot test approaches to improve diabetes treatment and prevention in existing healthcare settings. Applications should pilot test practical and potentially sustainable strategies, delivered in routine clinical care settings, to improve processes of care and health outcomes of individuals who are at risk for or have diabetes. The goal is that, if the pilot study shows promise, the data from the R34 will be used to support a full scale trial that could improve routine clinical practice and inform policy in representative healthcare settings.

Applicant Eligibility: Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education

Private Institutions of Higher Education, Hispanic-serving Institutions Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs), Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education), Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS Status (Other than Institutions of Higher Education)

Small Businesses, For-Profit Organizations (Other than Small Businesses), State Governments, County Governments, City or Township Governments, Special District Governments, Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribal Governments (Other than Federally Recognized), Eligible Agencies of the Federal Government, U.S. Territory or Possession, Independent School Districts, Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities, Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Faith-based or Community-based Organizations, Regional Organizations,

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HOUSING

Surdna Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Environmental Infrastructure Programs

Deadline: Open /Rolling

The Surdna Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry from nonprofit organizations for programs that connect and improve the infrastructure systems of urban places and surrounding areas in ways that maximize positive impacts and minimize negative environmental, economic, and social consequences.

Through the Sustainable Environments program, the foundation supports four main categories of work: sustainable transportation networks and equitable development patterns, energy efficiency in the built environment, urban water management, and regional food supply. Requested grant amounts should relate directly to the size of the organization's budget and the amount needed to successfully complete the project. To be eligible, organizations must be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, organizations should promote meaningful collaborations and an integrated approach to infrastructure solutions; focus on infrastructure decisions that better meet the needs of historically underserved communities, including low-income communities and people of color; promote long-term solutions and leverage strategic infrastructure investments; and/or highlight, especially through communications, the multiple benefits of next generation infrastructure. Upon review, selected organizations will be invited to submit full proposals.

Website: http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=421200027

Enterprise Green Communities Offers Charrette and Sustainability Grants for Green Affordable Housing Projects

Deadline: Open /Rolling

An initiative of Enterprise Community Partners, Enterprise Green Communities provides funds and expertise to enable affordable housing developers to build and rehabilitate homes that are healthier, more energy efficient, and better for the environment. In addition to loans and other funding options, Green Communities offers Charrette and Sustainability grants to help cover the costs of planning and implementing green components of affordable housing developments, as well as tracking their costs and benefits. Charrette grants provide up to \$5,000 per project for affordable housing developers to engage in integrative design. A Green Communities charrette involves an intense working session that brings together a diverse group of housing development professionals as well as residents, technical experts, funders, policy makers, and community stakeholders to integrate sustainable green design principles into affordable housing developments. By supporting charrettes at the schematic design phase, Enterprise seeks to help developers establish green goals as early as possible so that the most cost-effective green strategies can be incorporated in the building and site plans. Projects applying for pre-development charrette funds must be in the early stages of planning or schematic design phase of development. Sustainability Training grants (post-construction) of up to \$5,000 each are provided for affordable housing developers to maximize the health, economic, and environmental benefits of green development throughout a project's life cycle. The grant program provides an opportunity to transfer the design knowledge that informed the Green Com-

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munities planning and construction process to residents as well as operations and management staff. Funding may be used to cover the cost of implementing a training program and related tools that support green resident engagement and operations. Projects must have completed construction at the time of application and be occupied prior to the grant award. For both programs, eligible applicants are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, tribally designated housing entities, and for-profit entities participating through joint ventures with qualified organizations.

Website: <http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/>

LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Deadline: 12/06/2013

FY 2013 AFG is a suite of competitive discretionary grants comprised of three (3) interconnected component programs (Operations and Safety, Vehicle Acquisition, and Joint/Regional) for awarding direct financial assistance to fire departments, nonaffiliated EMS organizations, and state fire training academies.

Eligible Applicants: Fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations (as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 2229(a)(7)), operating in any of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any federally recognized Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or an Alaskan native village, Alaska Regional Native Corporation, or the Alaska Village Initiatives, and;

Any State Fire Training Academy operating in any of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. A listing of eligible state fire training academy organizations and institutions can be found at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/pocs/>.

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Website: www.fema.gov

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

Deadline: 03/19/2014

The Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program is intended to increase the availability of civil and criminal legal assistance. The LAV Grant Program makes awards to law school clinics, domestic violence victims' programs and shelters, bar associations, rape crisis centers and other sexual assault services programs, private nonprofit entities, Indian Tribal governments and Tribal organizations, Territorial organizations, legal aid or statewide legal services, and faith- and/or community-based legal service providers. Grant funds may be used to provide direct legal services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking in matters arising from abuse or violence and to provide enhanced training for lawyers representing these victims as well as advocates. The objective of the LAV Grant Program is to develop innovative, collaborative projects that provide quality representation to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Eligible Applicants: private nonprofit entities; publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity; Territorial organizations; Indian Tribal governments; and Tribal organizations.

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Website: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov>

PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

Ray C. Anderson Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for Environmental Grants Program

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The Ray C. Anderson Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry from nonprofit environmental organizations for initiatives that support environmental, economic, and social sustainability in the United States. Through its Gray Notes Grants program, the foundation awards grants of between \$2,000 and \$25,000 for environmental conservation, preservation, education, and restoration initiatives; urban agriculture programs; clean water and clean air projects; environmental and economic think tanks; and grassroots initiatives that inform and inspire people to collaborate and take positive action to protect the planet. In addition, the program supports organizations and programs that are working with industry, government, and businesses to create environmentally sound planning practices to reduce the environmental footprint of urban development through energy efficiency, increased use of renewable energy, and the reduction of carbon intensity. All organizations requesting funding must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue

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Code. LOIs are accepted throughout the year and must be submitted through the foundation's online grant inquiry system. Applicants will be notified if a full application is requested. Grants are awarded twice a year, in June and December.

Website: <http://www.raycandersonfoundation.org/grants>

Gulf of Mexico Regional Partnerships

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline: 11/12/2013 Pre-proposals, 1/10/2014 Final applications

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) is soliciting initial proposals under this announcement from eligible entities that address water quality monitoring and/or improvement, coastal habitat and ecosystems enhancement and/or protection, community resilience, and environmental education and outreach in the Gulf of Mexico region and its watersheds. The initial proposals will be short submissions describing a project's scope and environmental results, and will be evaluated to determine whether the applicant will be requested to submit a full proposal.

The total amount anticipated to be awarded under this announcement is approximately \$2,000,000 depending on funding availability, quality of proposals, and other applicable considerations. Awards will range from approximately \$50,000 to \$300,000 of federal funds with each project period being up to three years. A broad range of entities, as described in Section III, are eligible to submit proposals under this announcement for projects in the Gulf of Mexico region and its watersheds in the five states abutting the Gulf of Mexico (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida), including their out-of-geographic-region contributory watersheds, that address water quality monitoring and/or improvement, coastal habitat and ecosystems enhancement and/or protection, community resilience, and environmental education and outreach.

Eligible Applicants: The following entities are eligible to apply for funding under this announcement unless restricted by the authorizing statute(s): State, local government agencies, districts, and councils; regional water pollution control agencies and entities; Indian tribal governments; State coastal zone management agencies; public and private universities and colleges; and public or private, non-profit organizations and institutions. Non-profit organizations must have documentation of non-profit status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or their state of incorporation, except that non-profit organizations as defined in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act 1995 or superseding legislation are ineligible.

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Website: www.epa.gov

11th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Deadline: 12/17/2013

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of the P3-People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. The P3 competition highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative projects focused on sustainability. The P3 Award program was developed to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of improved quality of life for its people, economic prosperity and protection of the planet -- people, prosperity, and the planet – the three pillars of sustainability. The EPA offers the P3 competition in order to respond to the technical needs of the world while moving towards the goal of sustainability. Please see the P3 website for more details about this program.

This solicitation provides the opportunity for the submission of applications for projects that may involve human subjects research. Human subjects research supported by the EPA is governed by EPA Regulation 40 CFR Part 26 (Protection of Human Subjects). This includes the Common Rule at subpart A and prohibitions and additional protections for pregnant women and fetuses, nursing women, and children at subparts B, C, and D. Research meeting the regulatory definition of intentional exposure research found in subpart B is prohibited by that subpart in pregnant women, nursing women, and children. Research meeting the regulatory definition of observational research found in subparts C and D is subject to the additional protections found in those subparts for pregnant women and fetuses (subpart C) and children (subpart D). All applications must include a Human Subjects Research Statement (HSRS, as described in Section IV.B.5.c), and if the project involves human subjects research, it will be subject to an additional level of review prior to funding decisions being made as described in Sections V.C and V.D of this solicitation.

Maximum Grant Size: \$15,000

Number of Awards: 40

Eligible Applicants: Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting public institutions of higher education) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting private institutions of higher education) located in the U.S. (includes U.S. territories and possessions) are eligible to apply to be the recipient of a grant to support teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students. Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive assistance agreements from the EPA under this program.

Website: www.epa.gov/ncer

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Captain Planet Foundation: Grants for the Environment

Deadline: 01/31/2014

The Captain Planet Foundation funds hands-on environmental projects to encourage youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. Maximum award: \$2,500. Eligibility: 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including schools, with an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million.

Website: <http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Lawrence Foundation Accepting Proposals for Environmental, Education, Human Services Projects

Deadline: 04/30/2014

The Lawrence Foundation awards grants to organizations working in the areas of the environment, education, human services, and disaster relief. The foundation awards both program and operating grants with no geographic restrictions to nonprofit organizations that qualify for tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as well as public schools and libraries.

International charitable organizations, private foundations, for-profit businesses, individuals, churches, and religious, charter, and magnet schools are not eligible for grants from the foundation, and grants will not be awarded for computer or audiovisual equipment purchases or for music or garden programs (or related equipment). Also ineligible for funding are programs and equipment for physical education, recreation, theater performance, hospices or old age homes, political lobbying activities, and voter registration, as well as dinners, balls, and other ticketed events. For eligibility and application guidelines as well as a list of previous grant recipients, visit the Lawrence Foundation Web site.

Website: <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.php>

SPORTS

American Hiking Society Offers Support to Maintain and Protect Hiking Trails

Deadline: 12/17/2013

The American Hiking Society's National Trails Fund is dedicated to building and protecting hiking trails in the United States. National Trails Fund grants are designed to give local organizations the resources they need to secure access, volunteers, tools, and materials to repair and protect America's hiking trails. Grants will be awarded for projects designed primarily to serve hikers, although multi-purpose human-powered trail uses; projects that secure trail lands, including acquisition of trails and trail corridors and the costs associated with acquiring conservation easements; projects that will result in visible and substantial ease of access, improved hiker safety, and/or avoidance of environmental damage; and projects that promote constituency-building surrounding specific trail projects, including volunteer recruitment and support also are eligible. Preference often is given to projects that utilize volunteer labor. To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and must be an AHS Alliance member. Grants will range from \$500 to \$5,000 per project.

Website: <http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-fund/>

Tony Hawke Foundation Skatepark Grant Program

Opens: January 2014

The primary mission of the Tony Hawk Foundation is to promote high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States. While we realize that not every area can afford to build big, expensive skateparks, we feel strongly that public skateparks should be designed and constructed by experienced contractors. We also believe that local officials should treat public skateparks the same way they treat public basketball courts or tennis courts, meaning that anyone may show up and use them anytime, unsupervised. The foundation primarily considers skatepark projects that: are designed and built from concrete by qualified and experienced skatepark contractors. include local skaters throughout the planning, fundraising, and design process. are in low-income areas and/or areas with a high population of "at-risk" youth. can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment to the project, particularly in the form of fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups. have a creative mix of street obstacles (rails, ledges, stairs, etc.) and transition/vert terrain (quarterpipes, bowls, halfpipes, etc.) don't require skaters or their parents to sign waivers. encourage skaters to look after their own safety and the safety of others without restricting their access to the park or over-regulating their use of it. are open during daylight hours, 365 days a year. don't charge an entrance fee. are in areas that currently have no skateboarding facilities.

If your proposed skatepark is not located in a low-income area, if you are not able to illustrate strong community and grassroots support for the project, and if your project does not meet the criteria listed above, you are unlikely to receive a significant grant from our foundation. All Tony Hawk Foundation Grant Applicants will receive a detailed review of their projects and skatepark designs, whether a grant is awarded or not. Before beginning the Grant Application process, you should review the Eligibility Questionnaire page.

Website: <http://tonyhawkfoundation.org/skatepark-grants/apply/>

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Bikes Belong Offers Funding for Bicycle Advocacy and Facilities

Deadline: end of every quarter

Bikes Belong is a national coalition of bicycle suppliers and retailers working together to put more people on bicycles more often. Bikes Belong welcomes grant applications from organizations and agencies within the United States that are committed to "putting more people on bicycles more often." The Bikes Belong Grants Program funds projects in two categories: 1) facilities; and 2) advocacy.

Maximum Grant Size: \$10,000

Number of Awards: 15

Eligible Applicants: Bikes Belong will accept applications from nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and departments at the national, state, regional, and local levels. For the advocacy category, Bikes Belong will only fund organizations whose mission is expressly related to bicycle advocacy. New organizations that are not yet legally nonprofit organizations may submit an application with the assistance of another nonprofit that has agreed to serve as fiscal agent. Bikes Belong will not fund individuals. Because of the program's limited funds, it rarely awards grants to organizations and communities that have received Bikes Belong funding within the last three years.

Website: <http://bikesbelong.org/page.cfm?PageID=21>

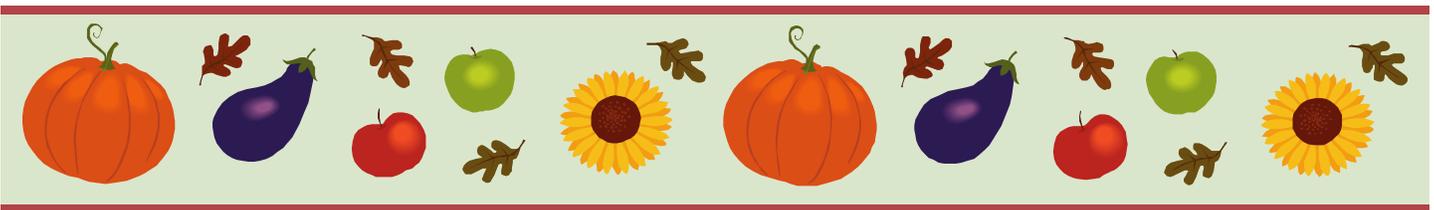
USGA/Alliance: Grants for the Good of the Game

Deadline: Open/Rolling

The National Alliance for Accessible Golf (Alliance) and the United States Golf Association (USGA) believe that golf should be open to everyone and supports a wide variety of programs that create opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in the sport. They especially encourage inclusive programming- opportunities that allow participants with disabilities and participants without disabilities to learn and play the game side by side.

Maximum award: \$20,000. Eligibility: tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations as defined under Section 501(c)3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or government entities such as public schools or municipalities.

Website: http://www.accessgolf.org/grants/alliance_grants.cfm



For information on these and other funding opportunities, please contact:

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